

BRETHREN OF AMEN  
CORNER IN FROLIC

The Old Rooftree Is Gone  
but Many Members  
Remain.

## ROLL IS CALLED OF THE ANANIAS CLUB

"Mollycoddle," "Malefactor,"  
"Scoundrel," "Muckraker,"  
"Weakling," "Perverter,"  
"Nature Faker," and All  
the Rest Were  
There.

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**N**EW YORK, February 27.—The deacons and the brethren of the Amen Corner held the

themselves and gossiping good humoredly. Eight of these dinners were celebrated in the old Fifth Avenue Hotel.

to end of the great red ballroom, gave the place the appearance of a gridiron. At the south end of the ballroom an elevated dais, approached by a steep flight of steps, on which the president of the American Corners, H. M. Anderson, sat and bowed to the show. From time to time he cleared a cawbell, whose unlovely jangle was the signal for a succession of blues, songs, travesties, Oriental dances, monologues, solos and choruses, or act skits which were very carefully rehearsed, and had been very carefully podged. The limitations which characterized so curiously the performances of some of our best known statesmen and politicians, Senator-Elect Root, the principal

and Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., who bulked at the end of table E, the "bosses table" they called it to-night, presided. Chairman Woodruff, Sen. Chandler, Rep. Peewee, Congressman Goldfogle, Charles Littlefield, Silas Passett, Congressman Olcott and George W. Wanamaker.

**Conservation of Abundities.**

They were off at the system's end at a tap at the cowbell from President Anderson. The president had some opening remarks to shed. The American Corner welcomed everybody in sight but committed itself to nothing. The chief preoccupations of the nation be- came the subject of the asidues. The American Corner believed the nation should be preserved. Therefore, the brethren would resolve themselves into a com-

absurdities. Then the members all  
up and sang "The Amen Cor-  
Psalter," its first hearing on a  
stage:

A toast, a toast, an Amen toast,  
To the corner that's to-night our h  
its traditions will forever last,  
Its golden memories bind us fast.  
Here have sat in bygone years  
Statesmen, warriors, scribes and se  
They're passing; the roof-tree's gone  
But they'll ever live in this our song  
So fill your glasses, lift them high  
Drink—that the corner may never c

**Period of Thanks.**

After a thunder-storm of cheer  
and a savage attack upon the over

pleased that the Amen Corner call  
that he was anxious to express his  
thanks for their devotion to the  
last seven years by standing up  
bowed heads, relieved from all occu-  
pation, for a period of five minutes  
12 o'clock noon March 4 next, in tes-  
timony of the wisdom of Providence  
the irresistible resistance of our peo-  
ple and the futility of misdirected  
efforts for the peace, prosperity, good  
name and well-being of the nation.  
The resolution was adopted with a  
roar of eyes.

Up sprang a brother and announced  
that he was an undesirable citizen.  
He was told that there was no place  
for him at the dinner, and he roared

Club, and various brethren in disguise as frayed and tattered parts of speech arose and answered, "Here." They were all there, the liar, the short ugly, the malefactor of great wealth, the rascal, the muckraker, the swindler, the body and the head, the weakling and the mollycoddle, the libelous, the nature faker, the perverter of truth and the nation traducer, and they stood and shook in their shoes, all so the short and ugly, a thickest brother who scowled and sneered theatrically around him. Short and ugly was head of the association that the Annual Club disbanded and never to be more. Theodore Roosevelt, founder and chief patron of the club, all of its prominence

To the tune of a new national "Carve Dat Possum," there was a procession of dignitaries easily recognizable as important persons over the Wash-

small matter had been overlooked at the inauguration of Mr. Taft. A pre-arranged invitation of the President-elect dashed into the room, calling out: "Hello, Elihu!" "How are you, Pa-

asked to support what was left of the Constitution, to admit that theoretically Congress and the Judiciary Committee composed two-thirds of the government and to abstain from all

He was then asked to make a speech. He said he was never nervous about Hughes getting the nomination, for the people who were for Hughes were his people.

He said he wasn't going to reform anything, investigate anything or change the seats of government. He was going to take for himself what the people had carried for seven years—a r